

Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice

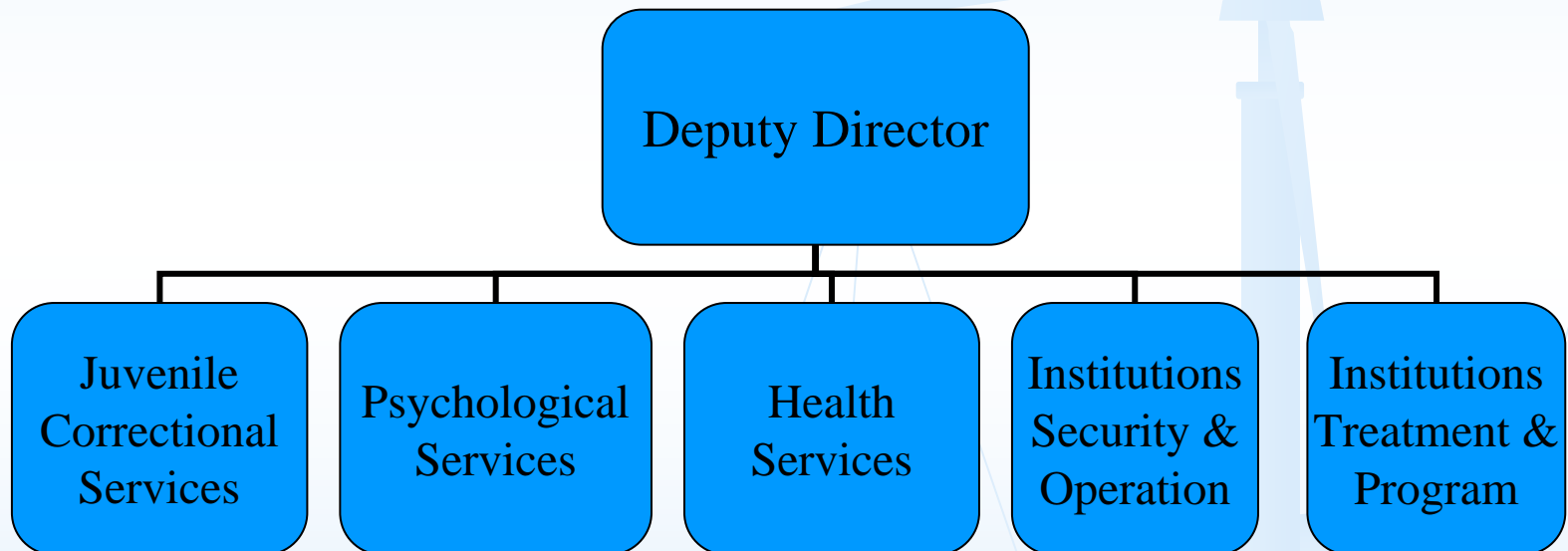
Division of Institutional Services

New Judges Presentation and Training

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Division of Institutional Services

Organizational Chart



Receipt of Commitments

Indeterminate Commitments

- No More Than 36 Months
 - Murder and Manslaughter May Stay Until Age 21
 - Time is Established by the Department's Length of Stay (LOS) System
 - Major Offenders
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Actual Length of Stay for Wards (With an Indeterminate Commitment) Released from the JCCs FY2002 – FY2006

Actual LOS is measured from the day the juvenile is committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to the date of release.

On average, the median LOS for juveniles released from the JCCs in FY2002 was *278 days*.

- On average, the median LOS for juveniles released from the JCCs in FY2003 was *294 days*.

- On average, the median LOS for juveniles released from the JCCs in FY2004 was *273 days*.

- On average, the median LOS for juveniles released from the JCCs in FY2005 was *297 days*.

- On average, the median LOS for juveniles released from the JCCs in FY2006 was *330 days*.

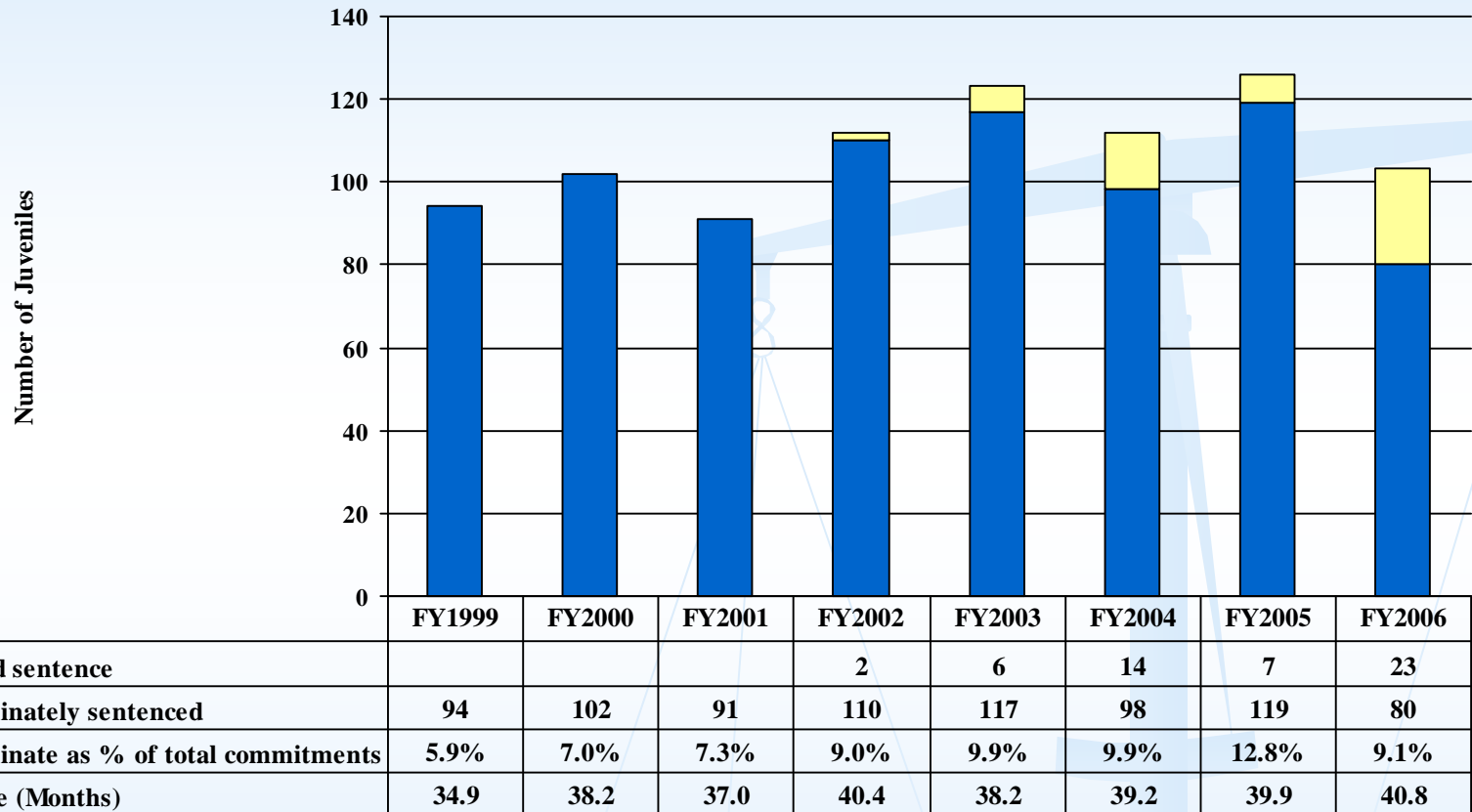
Receipt of Commitments (continued)

Determinate Commitments

- Serious Offenders – *Code of Virginia* §16.1-285.1
- Judge Sets the Release Date
- Mandatory Review After Two Years and Every Year Thereafter
- The Department Can Request a Review

Wards Determinately Admitted to DJJ

FY1999 to FY2006



- Pursuant to §16.1-285.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, serious offenders can be determinately committed to the Department. These wards have a fixed sentence, and are not impacted by the Department's length of stay policy.
- Determinately committed wards represented a larger portion of admissions through FY2005, with a decrease in FY2006. They are being given longer sentences, than in previous years.
- The most frequent sentence has increased from 12 months in 1998 to 36 months in 2006.

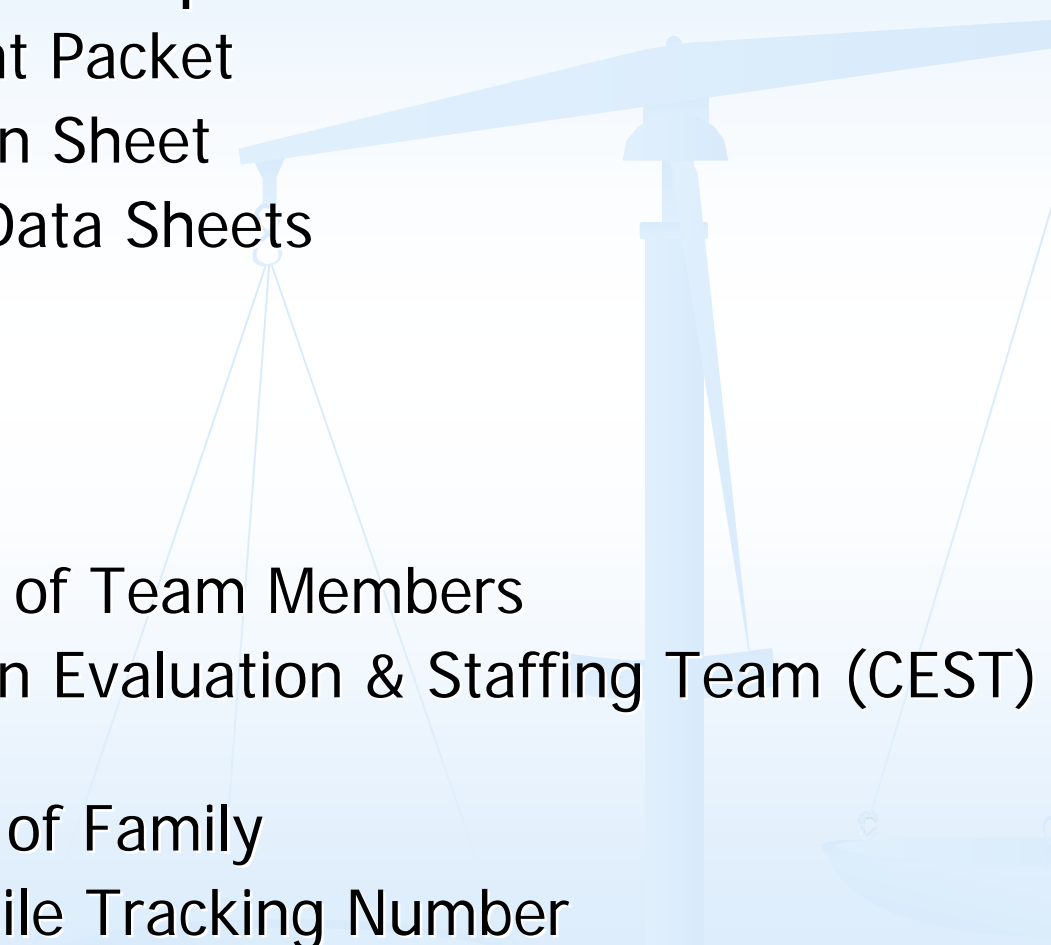
Major Offenders

Indeterminately Committed

- **Murder**
- **Rape**
- **Forcible Sodomy**
- **Aggravated Sexual Battery**
- **Arson of an Occupied Dwelling**
- **Armed Robbery**
- **Voluntary/Involuntary Manslaughter**
- **Car Jacking**

Reception and Diagnostic Center (RDC)

Transportation and Intake Process

- Pre-Arrival & Acceptance
 - Commitment Packet
 - Classification Sheet
 - Alerts and Data Sheets
 - Ward File
 - Transport
 - Admission
 - Assignment of Team Members
 - Classification Evaluation & Staffing Team (CEST) Date
 - Notification of Family
 - Enter Juvenile Tracking Number
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Orientation

RDC/Department of Juvenile Justice

- **Unit Manager**
- **Program and Rules**
- **Hearing Officer**
- **Human Rights Advocate**
- **Religious Services**
- **Counselor**
- **30-Day Service Objectives**

Evaluation and Assessment

- Counselor
- Department of Correctional Education (DCE) Evaluator
- Unit Manager
- Behavioral Services Unit (BSU) Evaluator
- Medical

Behavioral Services Unit

- Mental Health Evaluation
- Client Profile
- Treatment Managers
 - Clinical Treatment Services
 - Individual and Group Therapy
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Other Services
 - Sex Offender
 - Substance Abuse
 - Anger Management

Medical Services

Services

Physician

- Primary Care On Site
- Refer for Specialty Treatment

Dental

Nursing

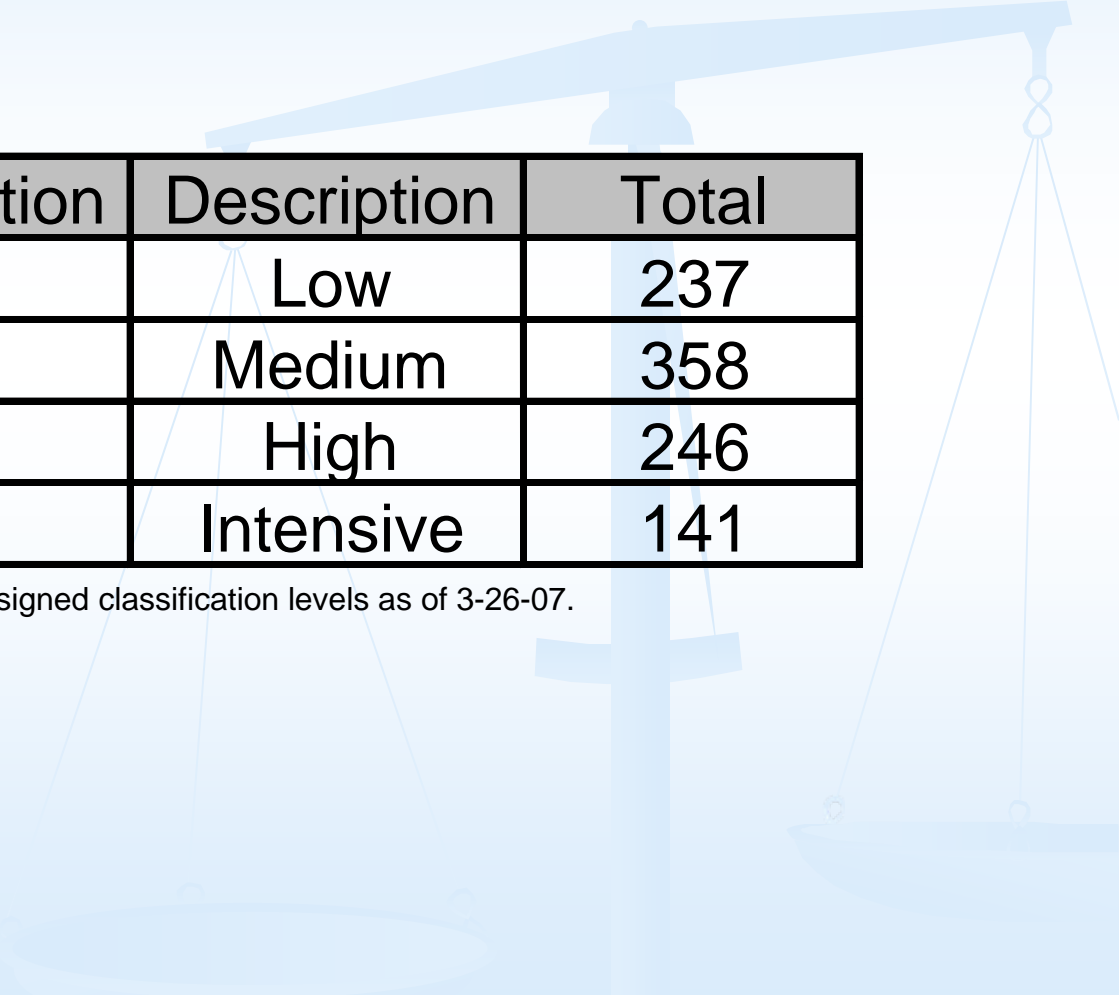
Ancillary

- Laboratory and Diagnostics

RDC Evaluation Results

- Custody Classification
- Length of Stay (LOS)
- Service Plan Objectives
- Placement

Current Classification Levels



Ward Classification	Description	Total
Level I	Low	237
Level II	Medium	358
Level III	High	246
Level IV	Intensive	141

* Four juveniles have not been assigned classification levels as of 3-26-07.

LOS System

- 88% of the commitments to DJJ are indeterminate.
- Establishes criteria for discretionary release from indeterminate commitments.
- Mends the punitive aspects of institutional confinement with the rehabilitative focus of indeterminate sentencing.

Before LOS Guidelines

- Offense history did not relate to length of stay
- Females stayed longer than males
- Younger youth stayed longer than older youth
- LOS was based on length of program, but:
 - No empirical evidence to support length
 - Programs vary from facility to facility
 - Assignment to facility based on sex/age
- **NO FACE VALIDITY**
 - Beaumont had shortest LOS
 - Natural Bridge had longest LOS

LOS System External Factors

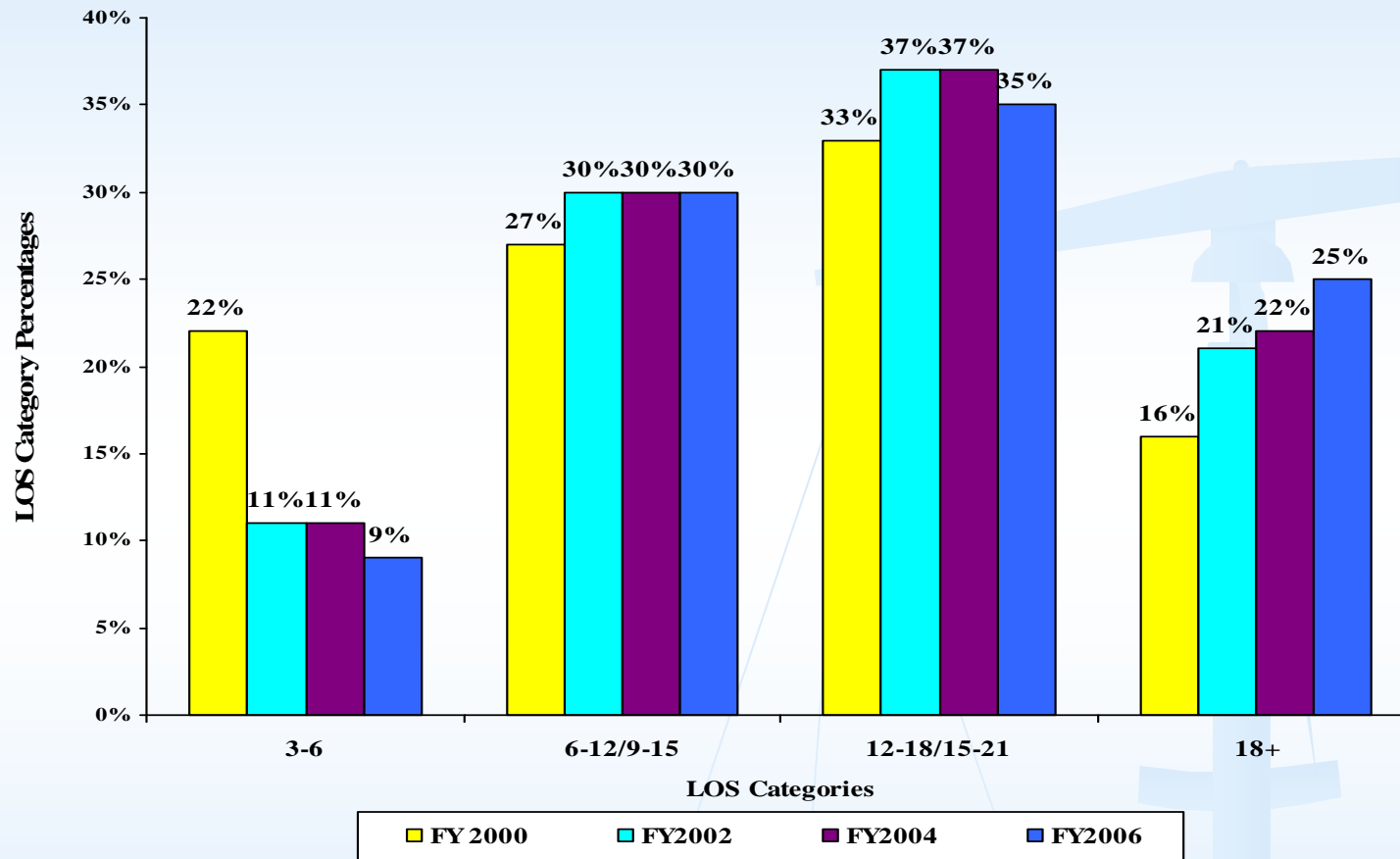
- Severity of Instant Offense
- Severity of Prior Offense
- Chronicity of Offense Behavior
- Exceptional Aggravating/Mitigating Circumstances

LOS System Internal Factors

- Institutional Offenses
- Progress Addressing Treatment Needs

Indeterminate Sentences by LOS Guidelines

FY2000 - FY2006



- In July 2000, the eligibility criteria for commitment to DJJ changed from *two* class 1 misdemeanors to *four* class misdemeanors (guilty adjudications).
- The percentage of juveniles with a 3-6 month LOS has decreased from FY2000 to FY2006; while those with an 18+ month LOS increased during that same time period.

Service Plan

- **Assets**
- **Needs**
- **Mandatory**
- **Recommended**
- **Ancillary**
- **Objectives**

Service Plan

■ **Mandatory Treatment Needs**

- Specifically related to adjudicated offense history, institutional offenses that are resolved through a due process hearing, or self-reported unlawful behavior.

■ **Recommended Treatment Needs**

- Ward has been identified as an appropriate candidate for the treatment by the RDC evaluation process or by the Institution Classification & Review Committee (ICRC) at a juvenile correctional center.

Placements

- **Juvenile Correctional Center**
- **Alternative Placement**
 - **DJJ Wards Only**
 - Virginia Wilderness Institute - 32 beds
 - 2 Community Placement Programs – 10 beds each (Chesapeake & Shenandoah)
- **Special Placement**
 - **Private**
 - Individual Contract

Juvenile Correctional Centers

■ Daily Operations

- Typical Hours
- Meals and Snacks
- Treatment
- Recreation
- Visitation

■ Department of Correctional Education

Beaumont

- **288 Beds**
- **Older, More Aggressive Males**
- **Typically 16 to 17 Years of Age**
- **Programs**
 - **Sex Offender, Substance Abuse, Anger Management, Juvenile Industries, and College Bound & SAT Testing**
- **Intensive Services Unit**
- **Administrative Segregation Unit**

Bon Air

- **213 Beds**
- **Males Typically 15 to 18 Years of Age and All Custody Levels**
- **Females of all Ages and Custody Levels**
- **Less Serious Offenses**
- **Programs**
 - **Sex Offender, Substance Abuse, Anger Management, SAT Testing and Juvenile Industries**
- **Intensive Services Unit**
- **Administrative Segregation Unit**

Culpeper

- **144 Beds (Sight and Sound Separation)**
- **Older Males Typically 16 to 17**
- **All Custody Levels**
- **Predominately Circuit Court Commitments**
- **Programs**
 - **Substance Abuse, Substance Abuse Dependent (typically six months), Sex Offender, Anger Management, College Bound & SAT Testing, and Juvenile Industries**
- **Intensive Services Unit**
- **Administrative Segregation Unit**

Hanover

- 140 Beds
- Moderate to Serious Offenses
- Typically custody level I through III
- Males Typically 14 to 17 Years of Age
- JROTC
- Programs
 - Sex Offender, Substance Abuse, Anger Management, and Juvenile Industries

Natural Bridge

- **71 Beds**
- **Custody Level I and II**
- **Males Typically 16 to 18 Years of Age**
- **All Types of Committing Offenses**
- **Programs**
 - **Substance Abuse, Anger Management, Independent Living, Transition Planning, and One-Week Transition**
- **Camp New Hope**

Oak Ridge

- 40 Beds
- Males of All Ages
- All Custody Levels and Offenses
- Developmentally Delayed
- Borderline to Moderately Retarded
- Behavioral Token Economy
- Programs
 - Sex Offender, Substance Abuse, Specialized Vocational, and Individualized Behavior Management

Treatment and Case Management

- **Services**
 - **Counseling**
 - **Clinical**
 - **Educational**
- **Classification & Treatment Services Team (CTST)**
- **Institutional Classification & Review Committee (ICRC)**
- **Central Classification & Review Committee (CCRC)**

Release Responsibility



- Indeterminate
 - **ICRC and Superintendent**
- Determinate
 - **Judiciary With DJJ Input**
- Major Offender
 - **Director of DJJ**

Release Criteria

■ **EARLY RELEASE ELIGIBILITY**

- Reached Early Release Date
- Mandatory Treatment Completed
- Recommended Treatment Completed
- Appropriate Behavior
 - No Major Offense Within 90 Days
 - No Moderate Offense Within 30 Days
 - Required Institutional Participation

Release Criteria (continued)

■ LATE RELEASE ELIGIBILITY

- Reached Late Release Date
- Mandatory Treatment Completed
- Recommended Treatment Need Not be Completed
- Appropriate Behavior
 - No Major Offense Within 90 Days
 - No Moderate Offense Within 30 Days
 - Required Institutional Participation

Release Criteria (continued)

■ EARLY RELEASE “INCENTIVE PROGRAM”

- Up to 90 Days Before “Early Release Date”
- Mandatory Treatment Completed
- Appropriate Behavior
 - No Major Offense Within 30 Days
 - Required Institutional Participation
- Other Criteria as Specified by the Director
- Possibility of Additional 30 Days

Transition/Parole Planning

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- **Transition Services**
 - **Placement**
 - Family
 - Community Youth Home
 - Private
 - Interstate Compact
 - **Recommend Services**
 - **Recommend Level of Supervision**
 - **Release Report**